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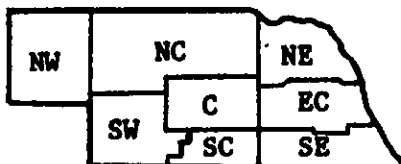
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WEATHER

The week started mild and dry but ended wet and cold with wintery weather getting a good hold on the State. Average temperatures ranged from two to six degrees below normal. Precipitation was widespread over the weekend with amounts ranging from a few hundredths up to one inch.

GENERAL

Nebraska's row crop harvest was the main farm activity last week. Although soybean and sorghum harvest progressed steadily, many producers shifted their emphasis to corn as drying conditions continued to improve through Thursday. Even though the moisture percentage of corn had dropped to an acceptable harvest level, most corn was still being routed through dryers to prepare it for safe storage. Dryer time and capacity has surfaced as a bottleneck for corn harvest this year. Lack of local storage space has become a problem in eastern areas of the State, with some of the crop being stored in temporary structures or dumped on the ground near elevators until storage space becomes available. Fall tillage and fertilizing operations were the other main farm activities. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.7 for the week ending November 8.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 6% short, 88% adequate and 6% surplus.

GENERAL (Cont.)

Subsoil moisture condition rated 6% short, 86% adequate and 8% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 13% short, 79% adequate and 8% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 33% short and 67% adequate.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 1% poor, 17% fair, 80% good and 2% excellent. The wheat crop continues to show good early growth.

Corn harvest moved forward sharply to 70% behind 82% last year and 79% average. Harvest was most advanced in the south central counties.

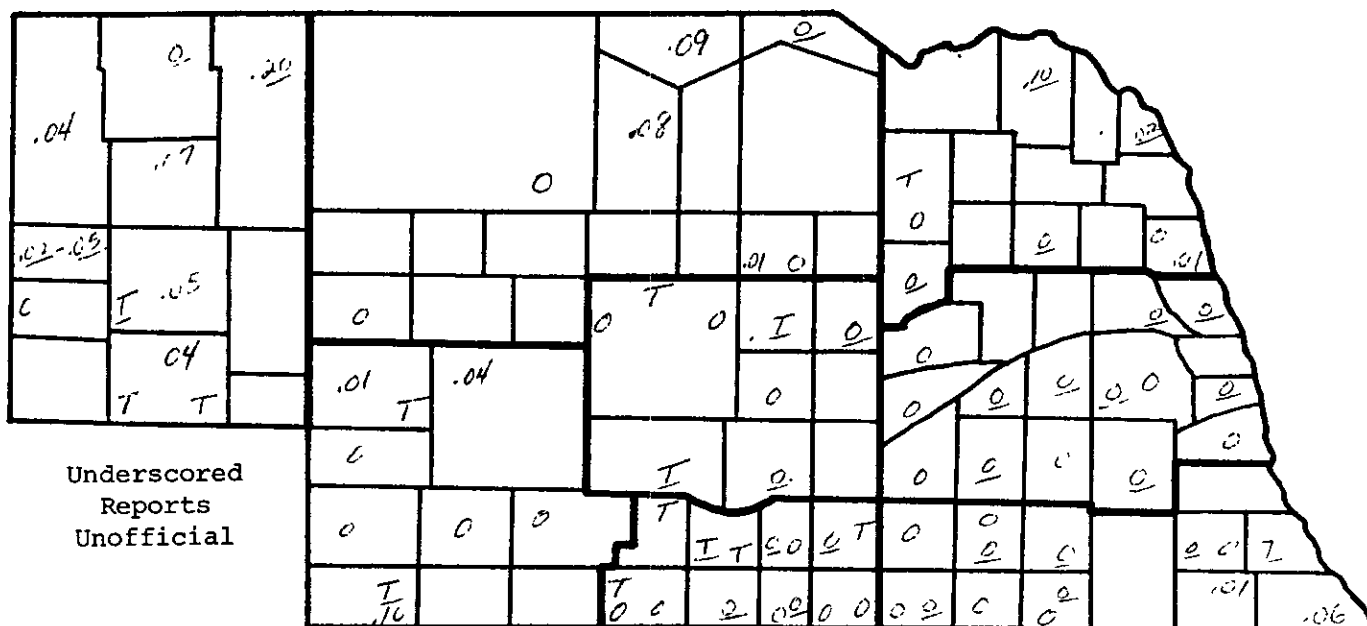
Soybean harvest advanced to 95% complete, ahead of 90% last year and equal to the 5-year average. Progress in the southeastern counties was slightly behind the remainder of the State.

Sorghum harvest reached 92% complete, ahead of 90% last year and 85% average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Producers were erecting fences and moving cattle onto stalk fields. Others were busy weaning calves and pregnancy testing cows. Marketing of calves and some culling of cows was active.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1985

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	71	10	33	--	.21
	Scottsbluff	73	5	33	-6	.23
	Sidney	70	4	34	--	.26
NC	Ord	63	20	35	--	--
	Valentine	70	13	32	-6	.98
NE	Norfolk	68	24	37	-3	.15
	Sioux City	66	25	37	-4	.23
CEN	Grand Island	68	25	39	-3	.10
EC	Lincoln	71	26	41	-3	T
	Omaha	65	27	40	-2	.02
SW	Imperial	73	17	39	--	.35
	North Platte	70	17	36	-3	.23

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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